computerisation, in a manner consistent with the requirement of the concerned bank.

Steps to check malaria in Gujarat

*380. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that malaria prone areas in Gujarat are frequently affected with two strains of malaria such as P. Vivax infection and P. Falciperum infection resulting in death of many cases;

(b) if so, the details of the total cases which were found positive in each of these strains in the State during the last three years, year-wise and deaths reported in each year; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to control and eradicate malaria from Gujarat and provide adequate medical facilities for malaria patients during the monsoon season?

THE MINISTER OF STATES THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As reported by State Govt. of Gujarat, the number of P. Vivax and P. Falciparum cases of Malaria, including deaths, in Gujarat, during the last three years, were as follows:—

	Malaria Cases		Deaths
Year	P. Vivax	P. Falciparum	
1993	2,25,706	78,403	25
1994	1,83,245	65,379	14
1995	1,46,096	44,932	9

(c) Steps taken to control malaria under the National Malaria Eradication Programme and by the State of Gujarat include:—

1. Early case detection and prompt treatment of Malaria cases by active and passive surveillance through Primary Health Care System, Hospitals/Dispensaries and village level voluntary agencies like Drugs Distribution Centres and Fever Treatment Depots.
2. Interruption of transmission through vector control, by selective insecticidal spray, using appropriate insecticides in rural areas and larvicidal measures with appropriate chemicals in urban areas.
3. Selective use of Synthetic Pyrethroids (Kothrine) in triple resistant areas in Surat/Valsad (highly endemic districts).
4. Bio-environmental methods, by using larvivorous fish and minor engineering methods like filling, deweeding and desilting etc., wherever feasible.
5. Health education, for increasing public awareness regarding malaria and seeking their cooperation for malaria control.
6. A proposal for World Bank loan is currently under formulation for intensifying malaria control measures in the problematic, hardcore and tribal predominant areas in the country including Gujarat.

Proposal from the Gujarat Government for increasing the capacity of T.V. Transmitters

2246. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals for increasing the capacity of the existing T.V. transmitters in Gujarat have been received by Government from the State Government of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken on each of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Proposals have been received from the Government of Gujarat for upgradation of the existing TV transmitters at Bhuj, Surat, Junagarh, Palanpur, Vadodra and Palitana in the State.

(c) While a 10 KW High Power TV Transmitter (interim set-up) has already been commissioned at Bhuj with the permanent set-up targetted for completion during 1998, the